

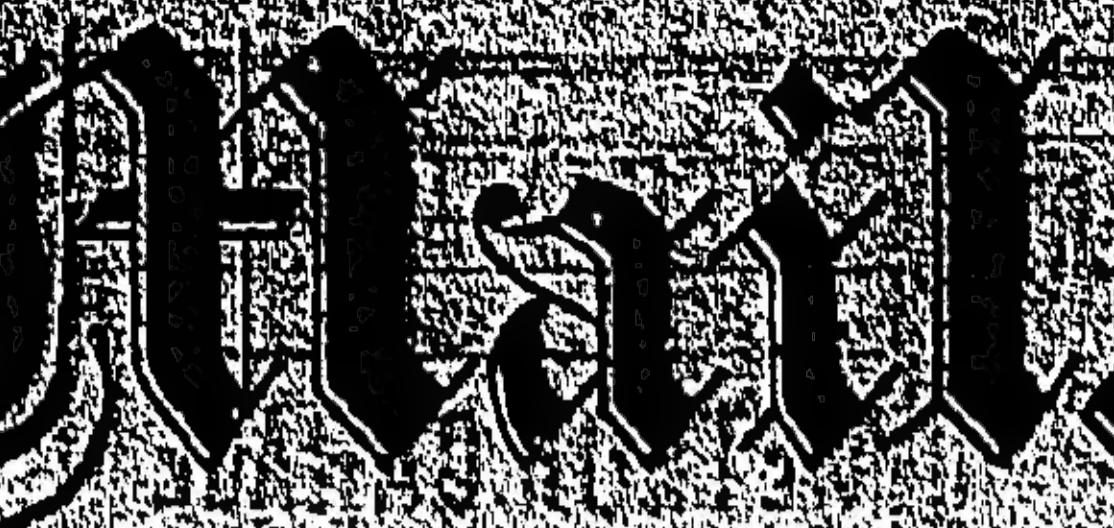
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FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

VISCOUNT GREY OUTLINES POLICY.

London, December 17th.—Viscount Grey, speaking at Dewsbury, said he saw no reason whatever why the naval policies of the United States and Great Britain should not be comparatively easy, provided the people on both sides were perfectly frank and did not allow misunderstandings to grow up regarding what each meant.

A question closely connected was the question of the freedom of the seas, which was not a German but an American phrase. The Germans adopted it and used it for their own purposes in a sense and with an intention to which we could never have agreed. Hence its unpopularity. There was no need to anticipate any difficulty about an agreement regarding its meaning until President Wilson came to discuss it with our Government.

Viscount Grey, continuing, said: If it meant the freedom of the seas in peace-time, we agreed.

The United States had some rule forbidding foreign ships to carry goods between the United States and the Philippines. Some other countries had a similar rule. We never had such a rule. We ought to receive a little more recognition than we do, for the fact is we never used the British Naval power in peacetime to make the use of the seas easier for ourselves without making it simultaneously easier for others on the same terms.

If it was a question of the freedom of the seas in wartime, Viscount Grey pointed out that the United States co-operated in making the blockade complete, and without such co-operation we might have lost war.

AUSTRIA DID NOT WANT WAR.

GERMANY COERCED HER.

New York, December 12th.—An Associated Press Correspondent interviewed Count Czernin at Vienna when Count Czernin said that Austria in 1914 had made independent efforts to get out of the war, even to the extent of offering Galicia, the richest coal and oil-producing part of the Empire, if the latter would surrender Alsace-Lorraine, but Germany rejected this proposal.

General von Ludendorff was even willing to declare war against Austria if the latter made a separate peace.

THE SILVER MARKET.

SILVERWARE MAY NOW BE EXPORTED.

London, December 13th.—Montagu's report states that the tone of the silver market is good. There was a fall in the price of 5/16ths of a penny since December 6th, due to the reduction in the rates of insurance from America.

An Order-in-Council removes the embargo on the export of articles wholly or partly composed of silver. This will doubtless tend to increase the trade demand for silver in England.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

INDIAN DELEGATES ARRIVED.

London, December 15th.—The Indian Delegates to the Peace Conference have arrived in London.

GERMAN PROLETARIAT'S PROGRAMME.

AMSTERDAM, December 16th.—A telegram from Berlin states that the programme of the Spartacists movement includes the disarming of all non-proletarian forces; the formation of a workers' militia and red-guard; the abolition of all Officers and N.C.O.s; the replacement of all the authorities of the former regime by representatives of the Soviets; the abolition of all Parliaments and Councils; and the election of a Central Committee which will control the Executive Committee; the cancellation of all public debts above the "fixed" amount; the nationalization of the expropriation of landed estates, banks, coal-mines and large factories; and the confiscation of all fortunes above the fixed amount.

PROGRESS OF OCCUPATION.

Paris, December 15th.—A telegram from Berne says that the German newspaper states that a French Regiment has occupied Wiesbaden.

LONDON, December 16th.—A Belgian communiqué states:

"Our Rhine front was extended yesterday from Ossenbergs to the Wesel bridges."

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HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

SEASON 1918/1919.

The result of the Draw for the League Matches in the Hongkong Rifle League is as follows:

December 5/12 H.K. Defence Corps v. Dockyard R. Club.

January 19/26 Taikoo Rifle Club v. H.K. Defence Corps.

January 26/February 2 H.K. Defence Corps v. Navy Team.

February 2/9 Dockyard R. Club v. Taikoo Rifle Club.

February 9/16 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

February 16/23 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

February 23/30 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

February 30/March 6 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

March 6/13 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

March 13/20 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

March 20/27 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

March 27/3 April 3 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

April 3/10 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

April 10/17 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

April 17/24 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

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May 1/8 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

May 8/15 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

May 15/22 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

May 22/29 Police & Police Res. v. Manchester Navy Team.

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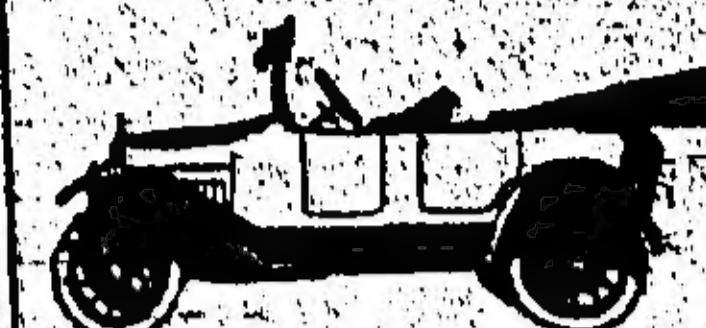
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A QUANTITY OF

Valuable Gold and Diamond

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(Balance of Consignment from London),

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Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1918.

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Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House

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TOYS, &c., &c.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 1912.

CHINA'S INCAPABILITY.

The recent visit to this Colony of Sir CHARLES AGLEN, head of the Chinese Customs Service, brings to mind that remarkable anomaly which exists in China, namely, that though your Chinese business man is generally a very smart person, as far as business is concerned, your Chinese official is generally incapable and certainly very self-seeking. In a good many instances his object is to get rich quickly. He thinks of little but himself, and of patriotism he has less than he ought. This has shown itself in a good many instances to be even stronger since the Republic than it was in the old Manchu days. The result of all this has been that many Chinese institutions such as the Customs Service, the Salt Gabelle, and the Post Office, have had to be controlled by foreigners. These institutions are a source of great revenue to the Government. In fact, they constitute the main source. And one wonders what would be the result were this foreign control taken away. Yet, during the past few years there have been men of the extreme Republican party who have advocated the abolition of European control. A glance back during the past two years or so will show us that this party did to some extent achieve its end. There was the removal of Britons from the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and in the early months of 1912 the Ministry of Education dismissed several foreign professors, including three of British nationality, from the Peking University. Following this came an attempt to undermine the position of the foreign staff of the Chinese Post Office. It is distressing to think what the result would have been if the Chinese during the last few years have been an influential administrative ability. Proof of this is seen in the survey of institutions which have been managed solely by the Chinese. On the other hand the Chinese have much for which to

Chine from much—from being crushed under the heel of one who is lawless, told the troops he was sending to China, that they were to be as the sons of Attila, and so to demonstrate themselves that no Chinaman should ever lift his eyes to a German again. Foreign control in China is the surest means of awakening the Government and people to the possibilities and importance of their wonderful heritage.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

An association for retired officers and men is being inaugurated at Shanghai.

During November there were ten armed robberies in Shanghai. One policeman was killed.

Fred Rickaby, the popular English jockey, is reported to have died of wounds in hospital in France.

It was election day in Canton on Sunday, to pick delegates for the electoral colleges, but very few people seemed to know it, and very few voted.

Amongst the new pantomime songs, which are likely to take the popular fancy this winter says a London paper, is one entitled "Hongkong."

The record among Yorkshire families serving with the forces is claimed by Mr. William Tuck, of Hull, who has had 11 sons and two daughters on active service.

The Amy correspondent of the North China Herald says opium is now being extensively cultivated in the Tongan district all along the coast to the north of Ainoi island.

Sir Henry Daniel has purchased the Daily Chronicle and Lloyd's Newspapers for £1,800,000. It is said Mr. Robert Donald will resign the editorship of the Chronicle, which he has held for sixteen years.

At the instance of the British Consul-General, the British Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin is circulating local British firms with a view to compiling a list of those which have connections for ex-officers in H. M. Army. Why officers only!

Mr. Victor Frederick Daseen, formerly of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, died in London on Oct. 8 from cancer in the throat, a cancer on active service. Mr. Daseen, who was 44 years of age, left Hongkong and the bank's service in 1888. He remains interred at Golders Green.

The spirit of compromise is revealed in the style of the assembly which is to arrange the basis of reconciliation between North and South. Southerners wished the conference to be known as the Peace Conference. Northerners objected to this title as indicating alement on the part of two Governments and asked for a Reorganization Conference. Now it has been decided that it shall be called the Peace Reorganization Conference. Both sides are thus protacted.

Dr. Boyd, the famous American zoological collector, is at the Astor Hotel for a few days, on his way to India for tigers and elephants. He brought pictures to Japan this trip, and has a further large order from the Japanese.

The w. and he got at Kowloon from a tiger on a recent visit haled well, and he is now looking very fit.

In spite of the popular impression that China is overcrowded, the country can support twice its present population, and there is plenty of room in China for the business men of every nation with no necessity for old-fashioned competition in which energy is wasted. In trying to keep the other fellow out according to Dr. Paul E. Reisch, American Minister to China, who recently attended a luncheon given in his honour by the Commercial Club of San Francisco.

Mr. F. W. G. Clark of Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co., has been appointed Corresponding Member of Council for Hongkong and South China of the Junior Institution of Engineers. The Headquarters of the Institution is in London, but its activities are world-wide, and local sections have been established in various countries both at home and abroad. Mr. Clark will be pleased to receive communications from Engineers in these parts who are interested in, or wish to become Members of the Institution.

It is very unusual to see the following at a funeral rousing, but this could be seen in Queen's Road yesterday afternoon. A. C. C. Chin, a small boy, seven years old, with nearly a hundred Sanitary Board cards following, and as they passed he bowed his head to keep within distance of those in front. The card, and not for one who dropped out, was a Sanitary Board card.

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From Lieut. Col. H. W. Lawrence, The Cameronians, Comming, 1st Herefordshire.

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I feel very negligent in not having acknowledged your very kind and generous and acceptable gift of cigarettes. These arrived just before we left Egypt for another front and since then owing to constant moves, two hard fights, etc. I have really not had much time. We did appreciate your gift enormously and at the time the Battalion was on very short rations of cigarettes or smokes of any kind. Hoping you will forgive me the delay in acknowledging so late a matter of fact I would like to mention specially Miss Grimes, who has not been here more than a few months but who has on that wall three excellent landscapes or outdoor work by the Pulborough trio of pictures. I hope that she will send more in the future and I am sure that she is a very valuable acquisition to the Club (Applause). The prize for the best group of pictures in the above has been awarded to Mrs. McPherson (Applause) and the Judge in awarding the prize to her considered that her group showed that she is the best all-round artist in the Club. Her figure drawing is extremely good and her landscapes also very useful. I have myself been embarrassed in wanted to buy several beautiful views of Hongkong harbour, but found that they had already been secured some time ago. I can only hope that Mrs. McPherson will be able to produce some more of these fine views of Hongkong harbour at night as it is the most typical thing that we would like to appreciate the efforts the Society is making to exhibit the best work of its members. Those who have exhibited before have, I think, excelled their previous efforts, certainly Lt. Millington and Mrs. McPherson, while other members have sent most excellent work.

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The newly formed Asia Banking Corporation of New York has despatched to the Far East William G. Lane, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who is a director of the Asia Banking Corporation, and Ralph Dawson, recently elected vice-president of the Corporation, on a mission of considerable importance. They will be joined later by Crawford M. Bishop, former director of the Far Eastern division of the Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the Department of Commerce. The commissioners will study financial and economic conditions of Northern China, Manchuria and Siberia, spending a brief period in Japan before proceeding to Shanghai and Peking. The trip will extend over several months.

The organization of the Asia Banking Corporation with \$1,000,000 capital and \$500,000 surplus, all subscribed, is an important step in the development of American financing and trade in the Far East. The new Corporation is prepared to increase its capital according to requirements. Among its stockholders are the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, the Banker's Trust Company, the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, The Anglo-Ecuadorian, Paris Bank of San Francisco, the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon, and the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle. The total capital and surplus of these banks is \$6,620,000. Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, is at the head of the new corporation.

The Asia Banking Corporation proposes to engage in international and foreign banking in China, in the dependencies and insular possessions of the United States, and in Siberia. The head office is at 55 Liberty Street, New York City, and an agency will probably be established in San Francisco. Preparations are being made to open branches in China, and, as a preliminary step, a central branch will be established in Shanghai. The present plans contemplate also the establishment in the future of branches in Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Harbin and Vladivostok.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

LIEUT. LEONIE WILLOUGHBY FRANKLIN, R.F.A., who had died of wounds, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin of Kobe, Japan, and West Dulwich, and was aged 20. He was born at Kobe, and at the age of eight years went to England and was educated at Dulwich College. At the age of 18 he left for the O.T.C., having made a name for himself among football players, not only of the school, but among London clubs. He was captain of the school football, cricket, athletic sports, swimming and gymnasium, and also cadet officer in the college corps. He obtained his commission in January, 1917, and went to the front in March of this year.

LIEUT. CECIL AWDREY CAMPBELL, R.E., lost his life at sea on 4th Oct. as the result of enemy action. He was the second son of the late Mr. Lorne A. Campbell, I.R.S., and was aged 33. He was a midshipman in the Federated Malay States, being with Messrs. Nutt & Perah, and went home to join up. He received a commission in the Devonshire Regt., and subsequently transferred into the Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant JAMES BOYCE MORRISON, ARMY and Sutherland Highlanders, attached T.M.E., who died on Oct. 13 of wounds received on Oct. 1, aged 24, was the youngest son of the late J. G. Morrison. He was educated at George Watson's College and Edinburgh Institution, passing eventually into Messrs. J. Thompson Co.'s shipping offices in Leith. In Sept. 1914, he enlisted in the 9th Royal Scots (Dundee) Regt., receiving a Territorial commission in the 6th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on Oct. 7, 1915.

CHINA TEA SHORTAGE.

A Chinese merchant, carrying on business in Eustachey, interviewed on Sept. 18, with reference to the unsatisfactory efforts of London tea merchants to get consignments of China tea to Britain, said that the Tea Importers' Association Committee could not blame themselves in any way for the failure in this official effort to control the market. The committee, it is pointed out, appears to have made every practicable suggestion to keep the business going and to have put their knowledge and experience at the disposal of the authorities, but for some reason these efforts had only resulted in a breakdown in the attempt to control a situation not apparently understood properly by those in authority. Appeals for China tea, almost pitiful in character, and unaccompanied by doctor's certificates, as stated, continue to be received, but they cannot be complied with. What is many cases is a distinct economy in unloading, owing to the attitude of the distributing authorities towards China tea. It would surely well for the Tea Controllers to take the initiative in hand for some explanation to be given why it is that although 100,000,000 lbs. has arrived

ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS.

NEW BADGES OF RANK.

A Home paper, publisher an Army Order with the new badges of rank for Army Warrant Officers, from which we take the following examples:

Warrant Officers Class—Conductor Staff Sergeant-Major, 1st Class, Schoolmaster, 1st Class, Royal Arms and Wreath.

Master Gunner, 1st Class, Royal Arms and Wreath and Gun.

Master Gunner, 2nd Class, Royal Arms and Gun.

Master Gunner, 3rd Class, Royal Arms and Gun.

Armourer Sergeant-Major, Fitter Sergeant-Major, and Armament Sergeant-Major, Royal Arms and crossed Hammer and Pincers.

Wheeler Sergeant-Major, Royal Arms and Wheel.

Sergeant-Major, R.A.M.C., Royal Arms and Geneva Cross.

Sergeant-Major School of Gunnery, Royal Arms and crossed Gunns.

Handmusters, Special Badge.

All other Warrant Officers, Class I, Royal Arms.

Warrant Officers, Class II, Master Gunner, 3rd Class, Crown and Wreath and Gun.

Armourer Quartermaster-Sergeant Smith Quartermaster-Sergeant, Fitter Quartermaster-Sergeant, Armament Quartermaster-Sergeant, Crowns and Wreath and crossed Hammer and Pincers.

Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructor in Gunnery, Crowns and Wreath and crossed Gunns.

Saddler Quartermaster-Sergeant, Soldier Quartermaster-Corporal, Crowns and Wreath and Bit.

Wheel-Quartermaster-Sergeant, Crowns and Wreath and Wheel.

Quartermaster-Sergeant, R.A.M.C., Crowns and Wreath and Geneva Cross.

Schoolmaster, Quartermaster-Corporal Major, All other Quartermaster-Sergeants, Crowns and Wreath.

Battery or Company Sergeant-Major Instructor in Gunnery, Crowns and crossed Gunns.

Company Sergeants Major, Army Signal School, Gunns and crossed Flags.

Squadron Corporal-Major Roughrider, Squadron Sergeant-Major Roughrider, Squadron Corporal-Major, Crowns and Spur.

Squadron Battery, Troop or Company Sergeant-Major, Crown.

2. Warrant Officer Instructions of Royal Engineers will wear the "Grenade" below the badge of rank, except those of the Signal Service, who will wear "Crossed Flags" instead of the "Grenade."

3. All the above badges are worn on the forearm.

BRITISH BIRTH AN "EXTENAUATION."

It was announced a short time ago that the notorious Pan-German, Herr Houston Stewart von Chamberlain, had been fined £25 for libelling the "Frankfurter Zeitung." The issue of this paper containing the judgment is now to hand, and some interesting details can be gathered about this trial. Herr Chamberlain's libellous statements were to the effect that the paper

(1) is advancing an un-American policy, aiming at the establishment of England's dominion and the humiliations of Germany, the paper's interest being identical with those of Anglo-American finance; and (2) that there are direct connections between the paper and the British Government, the paper being owned by the enemy. The Court found that there was not a vestige of ground for any of these charges. In explaining the leniency of the sentence, the presiding Judge spoke the following words of wisdom:

"Born of English parents, brought up in a British admiral's house, afterwards

captured by the German spirit in Wagner's circle of friends, Chamberlain has developed a personality which openly proclaims its hostility to all that it formerly worshipped. All movements having turned into their opposite, it is natural that the new convictions lead to exaggerations. This is all in favour of a man whom people, including the 'Frankfurter Zeitung,' are in the habit of calling a heretic. A German Court need not let the sprout of bending the knee to England if it states that Chamberlain's extraction constitutes for him not an aggravating, but an extenuating circumstance.

Moreover, the Judge added, political passions are nowadays running very high in Germany, and no one individual, but the public as a whole is responsible. As

such, the Liberals themselves are op-

posed to the penalty of imprisonment in

the case of first offenders, etc. Chamberlain is to be let off with a simple fine. Verily there are still Daniels in Remington!

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH CO.

LARGE INCREASE IN THE TRAFFIC.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, Ltd., was held on Oct. 22nd at Electra House, Finsbury Pavement, Sir John Lennox-Pender, K.C.M.G., the chairman presiding. The General Manager and Secretary (Mr. F. E. Haas) having read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors report.

The chairman referred with profound

regret to the loss the company had

sustained through the death of Sir John Wolf Berry. They had been unable

to hold the meeting as formerly.

May, but the board had felt justified in

paying the final dividend and the usual

bonus of 2 per cent free of income tax

at the usual time without waiting for

the shareholders approval, and the

audited accounts, now before them

showed that their views were correct.

The gross receipts for 1917 amounted to

£1,508,000, against £1,321,000 for

1916, showing an increase of £187,000,

due to the greatly increased traffic all

over the company's system during the

past year. The working and other

expenses for 1917 amounted to

£553,000 against £430,000 for

1916, showing an increase of £123,000.

The increased net revenue for 1917 was

£165,000. The cost, amounting roughly

to £80,000, of carrying out the diver-

sion and partial renewal work of the

New Zealand cables, had been debited

to the general reserve fund, together

with £6,445 for loss on sale of invest-

ments, and £25,000 as a further

provision on account of depreciation

of the reserve fund securities, as shown

by the revaluation made a short time

ago. The company's holding in War

Loan and National War Bonds in Dec.

31 last amounted to £1,203,000, and

since the close of the year they had

invented a further £165,000, making

a total holding of £1,368,000. As

additional monies were available, they

would continue to invest them in

a similar manner. As to the effects of the war, through the Govern-

ment restriction of coding facilities, and

later on, when postal delays caused by

the withdrawal of shipping for war

purposes made cabling more necessary

than ever, an additional strain was

placed upon the cables, which was accentuated by the troubles in Russia preventing the Great Northern Com-

pany from carrying—as in pre-war days

their share of the China and Japan

traffic. Nevertheless, their capable and

hardworking staff, to whom every credit was due, and of whom, he could

not speak too highly, had successfully coped with this extra work, although

heavy delays, he regretted, to say were

unavoidable, owing to circumstances quite beyond their control.

Referring to the Visayas cables the

chairman said: You will have learned

from the report that that concession

granted to the company by the Spanish

Government in 1897, for providing and

maintaining under a subsidy arrange-

ment cable communication between

Manila and the Islands of Illoilo and

Cebu (Visaya) expired in November

last, when the company's stations in

those islands were closed. The reason

for this action was that the United

States having taken over the Philippines

from Spain, after the war between

the two countries, the Spanish

colonies were annexed to the United

States, and the Visayan cables

were closed under the new régime.

Although the cable system in the

Philippines is now controlled by the

United States, the Visayan cables

were closed under the new régime.

After the closure of the Visayan

cables, the company had to rely on

steamship services for the transmis-

sion of messages, and the cost of

steamship services is considerably

higher than the cable system.

At the present time the company

is engaged in the construction of

new cables, and the new cables will

be ready for service in the near

future.

ENGLISH BRIDGES FOR AUSTRALIA.

EFFECTS OF NEW REGIME.

Karen group of relatives and friends battled against terrible storm weather for more than three hours when over 100 English girls who had married Australian soldiers arrived. The boat was expected to berth at 8 a.m., but was over two hours late. A husband, who had waited patiently for so long time, became annoyed at the lack of enthusiasm displayed when his wife was coming, so he put

